

Mr. Thomas Navin
September 12, 2005

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Sections 4(i), 10, and 251 (e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C Sections 154 (i), 160, 251 (e), and Section 1.3 of the Commission's regulations, 47 C.F.R. Section 1.3, that the petition for Temporary Waiver filed by NeuStar, Inc. IS GRANTED to the extent described herein.

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Re: Petition for Temporary Waiver for Limited Disaster Recovery Trial

Dear Mr. Navin:

Time Warner Telecom (TWTC) and NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar) hereby submit for your review and approval this Petition for Temporary Waiver pursuant to Section 1.3 of the Commission's rules.¹ We submit this request in conjunction with ongoing work with staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (NYDPS) and conversations with various representatives of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission).

Background

NeuStar has from time to time been approached by federal and state government agencies as well as telecommunications service providers to discuss the possibility of providing expertise and assistance in developing internal plans for emergency preparedness and disaster recovery. Several months ago, NeuStar was approached by the NYDPS along with TWTC to provide support in developing a possible local number portability disaster

¹ 47 C.F.R. Sec. 1.3.

recovery trial. As part of TWTC's ongoing effort to ensure continuity of service in the event of a catastrophic service disruption or outage, TWTC is considering using number portability technology to restore service to customers. As part of the effort to define and refine its plans for Emergency Preparedness, TWTC with NeuStar and the active support of the NYDPS, propose to conduct a trial in September that would involve using local number portability (LNP) to move individual telephone numbers to alternate destinations. In particular, we seek this temporary authorization to transfer Central Office Codes (CO codes or NXXs), thousands blocks or, as needed, individual telephone numbers, between carriers and switching centers that, in some instances, involve rate center and interstate transfers.²

Discussion

Section 1.3 of the Commission's rules authorizes the FCC to waive its rules for good cause.³ Good cause exists to grant the requested waiver because the porting and code transferring activities we describe here would allow TWTC to strengthen its disaster recovery plans and ensure that they are prepared in the event of a catastrophe. As we have learned from the recent catastrophic impact of the Hurricane Katrina, LNP can play a role in disaster recovery when communications systems have been damaged. In this instance, TWTC proposes to use LNP to continue providing telephone service to one particular end user customer that, in the context of a simulated trial would otherwise be without service. NeuStar believes that LNP can support, in a flexible and quick fashion, disaster recovery planning for carriers and end users, particularly in instances where entire central offices and switches have been taken out of service.

In addition, precedent exists for the action proposed in this waiver request. In October 2001, the FCC recognized that using LNP to port outside of rate centers was a tool that should be available to users in lower Manhattan as they worked to recover and restore service following the terrorist attacks of September 11. In particular, on October 4, 2001, the Common Carrier Bureau granted a request for Emergency Waiver that permitted NeuStar to allow customers to use the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) to restore service.⁴

More recently, the FCC adopted an Order granting a temporary waiver on its own motion allowing carriers operating in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, and the number administrators supporting them to port telephone numbers geographically outside of rate

² See generally 47 C.F.R. Sections 52.15 *et. seq.*

³ See *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153 (D.C. Cir. 1969).

⁴ See Authorization of Jeffrey Carlisle, Senior Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC (October 4, 2001) (the *Post 9/11 Waiver*). In addition, the Common Carrier Bureau approved a request for emergency waiver from Allegiance Telecom of New York, and Allegiance Telecom of NJ, *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, Allegiance Telecom of New York, Inc., and Allegiance Telecom of New Jersey, Inc. Emergency Request for Waiver to Accommodate Telecommunication Customers in Lower Manhattan*, CC Docket No. 99-200, NSD File No. L-01-151 (DA 01-2232) (September 25, 2001) (the "Allegiance Emergency Waiver"). The *Allegiance Emergency Waiver* granted a request from Allegiance "to use geographic portability to accommodate customers due to the national disaster that occurred on September 11, 2001." *Id.* at para. 1.

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centers during this period of service disruption.⁵ In light of these events and the separate but equally important federal government wide focus on emergency preparedness, TWTC and NeuStar request swift action on this proposed waiver.

The proposed trial would be limited in scope and duration. The duration of the trial would be no longer than 72 hours. The initiation date of the trial will begin no earlier than the week of September 18, 2005. To provide the maximum flexibility associated with the actual initiation date, we request that this waiver be granted for a period of 30 days beginning September 18, 2005 and concluding on October 17, 2005. In the event that additional time is needed beyond this 30-day period, we will file with you another application for relief.

As with the *Post-9-11 Waiver* granted by the Bureau to NeuStar, to facilitate processing this request, we have provided a space below for you to indicate approval of this Petition for Temporary Waiver. In the alternative, we would be happy to work with you and the Bureau to develop an Order addressing this matter.

⁵ *In the Matter of Telephone Number Portability, Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 95-116 and CC Docket No. 99-200, respectively, *Order* (September 1, 2005).

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We appreciate your attention to this matter and your continued assistance for our activities in the ongoing effort to support carriers and government agencies working to put complete, flexible and effective disaster recovery plans in place. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned at the numbers included below.

Sincerely,



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